BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 23, 2000

IN RE:)	
PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF LOCAL)	DOCKET NO.
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED)	00-00160
BETWEEN CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
COMPANY OF THE VOLUNTEER STATE LLC AND)	
CITIZENS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANY)	
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS)	
ACT OF 1996)	

ORDER APPROVING LOCAL INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") upon the Petition of Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC for approval of the Local Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") negotiated by and between Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC and Citizens Telecommunications Company. The Petition for approval of the Agreement came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252.

The Agreement was considered at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on May 23, 2000, in Nashville, Tennessee before Chairman Melvin J. Malone, Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr., and Director Sara Kyle. The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 et seq. Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252, the Directors unanimously approved the Agreement and made the following findings and conclusions:

1) The Agreement is in the public interest as it provides consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC service area;

2) The Agreement is not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto;

3) No party has sought intervention in this docket;

4) The approval of the Agreement is consistent with previous Authority decisions and orders; and

5) The Agreement is reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 et seq.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Local Interconnection Agreement negotiated by and between Citizens

Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State LLC and Citizens Telecommunications

Company is approved and is subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.

Melvin J. Malone, Chairman

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Sara Kyle, Director

ATTEST:

K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary